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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION: EEC DECLARATION ON MID EAST;
HUSSEIN TALKS WITH FAISAL; KISSINGER VISITS
RABAT, CAIRO.

1. AL MADINA COVERED WITH FULL BANNER HEADLINE: HISTORIC EEC JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON MIDDLE EAST AFTER ESCALATION OF OIL CRISIS ANNOUNCES FULL SUPPORT FOR ARAB POSITION. THREE POINTS CARRIED AS SUB HEADS: ISRAEL MUST END OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES SEIZED IN 1967, PALESTINIAN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS MUST BE GUARANTEED AND IMMEDIATE RETURN TB OCT. 22 CEASE FIRE LINES. AL BILAD AND AL NADWA HIGHLIGHTED TALKS BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND FAISAL ON RECENT EVENTS IN MID EAST BUT CARRIED NO DETAIL OF THEIR SUBSTANCE. EEC STORY CARRIED BY AL BILAD ON PAGE 2.

2. OTHER MAIN STORIES AL MADINA: ZAYYAT IN PARIS: AMERICANS CAN WORK FOR OBSERVATION OF CEASE FIRE; PALESTINIANS ARE MEMBERS OF ARAB LEAGUE AND CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. SADAT COMMENDS EFFORTS OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE; ABDUL KARAM SEEKS APPROVAL OF MEMBER STATES FOR CONFERENCE IN KARACHI.

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4. KISSINGER VISITS: AL BILAD: FRONT PAGE DISCUSSIONS
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